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[Despatch Abstract.]

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MUNICIPAL **DEPARTMENT.**

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Subject.

Electricity - Diesel oil - supply of difficulties - reported -necessary orders requested.

ENCLOSURES.
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C.No. 771/42-El.

Station Hospet, *Dated the* 14 - 7 - 1942.

From (Name) Sri.R.Lakshmipathy,B.A.,
(Designation) Commissioner,Hospet Municipality,
HOSPET.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Local Administration Department.
MADRAS.

Through,

Sir, The Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Hospet.

I beg to bring to the kind notice of the Government the difficulties caused in respect of supply of diesel oil for the Municipal Electrical Power House Hospet and pray for necessary relief.

The Local Agent B.O.C. Hospet has been supplying diesel oil to the Municipal Electrical Power House Hospet for the last four years to meet our normal consumption of about 2000 gallons per month.

Since 1st March 1942, the Local Agent B.O.C. has not been able to supply our minimum requirements. In his letter No.nil dated 29-3-42(copy enclosed) he informed us stating that he has no control over delay caused in the supply of oil and that the question of meeting the requirements of the Hospet Electrical Power along with those of several other consumers is receiving his earnest attention.

Encl (A)

signed
14.7.42.
Chairman
Mupl Council

On 1-4-42, as we were threatened with a shut-down on accoun of shortage of diesel oil a telegram was despatched to Burmah Shell Oil Company Belgaum as follows :-

> Burmah Shell Belgaum, Power House - Shut down threatened - despatch - diesel oil -immediately wire reply"

(Encl-B) The Burmah Shell Oil Company Belgaum in their letter No.P/9 dated 2-4-42 (Copy enclosed) informed us in reply to our telegram and letters stating that on account of acute shortage in tank-waggons, factors over which they had no control, supply of diesel oil was delayed and as such they were unable to help us.

Encl:- (C) The Burmah Shell oil Company Bombay in reply to our telegram dated 28-3-42 (submitted as an enclosure) informed us in their letter D.C. dated 2-4-42 that they would despatch one tank waggon by the end of first week of April 1942.

Encl D As promised by the Company, a tank waggon of 2100 gallons was received by the Local Agent B.O.C., though he was requested to give us more quantity supplied us only 1200 gallons and distributed the rest to his other customers.

Encl (E) Encl(F) On 17-4-42 , a letter explaining the whole situation was addressed to the Secretary P.W.D. Madras(copy enclosed) as advise by the Chief Electrical Inspector in his letter No.29-A-305 dated 10th April 1942(copy enclosed) requesting the Government to renue their assistance in the matter.

On 29-4-42, the Local Agent,B.O.C.Hospet was informed by us to supply diesel oil as we were running short of stocks for which no reply was received.

Encl(G) On 3-5-42, the Local Agent B.O.C. informed through his lette No.nil dated 3-5-42 that his oil rates were raised at the rate of 0-4-0 per unit of 8 gallons and also stated that Re.0-1-0 per uni of 8 gallons had to be paid as handling charges. A copy of his letter is herewith submitted.

On accepting his revised rates, the same day, he was pleased to supply the Municipality with 1000 gallons of diesel oil out of his tank waggon received from the Company. He was requested in my letter C.No.771/42-El dated 5-5-42 to supply some more oil. In Encl(H) reply to our above letter he stated as per his letter dated 13-5- that he had no oil in stock(copy of his letter is enclosed).

Encl(I) On the advice of the Chief Electrical Inspector in his lette M-29-Mos. 364 dated 8-5-42,(copy enclosed) the Controller of Supplies Madras was addressed in my letter C.No.771/42/El dated 15-5-42,(copy enclosed) explaining the situation and requesting his necessary assistance in the matter.

On 25-5-42, the Local Agent received another tank waggon of diesel oil of 2100 gallons and he supplied us only 800 gallons

(K) The Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India was informed of the situation in my letter C.No.771/42-El dated 26-5-42 requesting his assistance in the matter.(Copy enclosed).

(L) The Controller of supplies Madras in response to my letter C.No.771-El/42 dated 15-5-42 was pleased to advise me in his letter 6637 dated 28-5-42 (copy enclosed) to approach the Chairma Port Trust Bombay in the matter who informed in his letter No.W 1138 dated 11-6-42(copy enclosed) that he had no control over (M) diesel oil.

Meanwhile, we fell short of diesel oil and as the Local Agent B.O.C. informed us that he is unable to help us as he had not received supply from his Company, I sent telegram to Messrs.B.O.C. Bombay and also B.O.C. Belgaum on 13-6-42 as follows " Power Hous Shut down -threatened -despatch diesel oil -immediately."

The same day detailed letters explaining the situation were addressed to Burmah Shell Oil Company Bombay and copies of the above letters were sent to the Burmah Shell Oil Company Belgaum and the Local Agent.

(IV) The Chief Electrical Inspector to the Government of Madras was also informed in my letter C.No.771/42-E1 dated 13-6-42 about the threatened shut down of the Power House owing to shortage of diesel oil(copy enclosed).

On 15-6-42 on the advice of the Local Agent Burmah Shell Oil Company a telegram was despatched to Messrs.Burmah Shell Oil Company Ghospuri informing them as follows" Power House shut-down -threatened - expedite - diesel tank - Municipal Commissioner."

This paralysing situation was brought to the notice of the Controller of Supplies Madras, the District Magistrate Bellary, the Chief Electrical Inspector to the Government of Madras and the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India Calcutta on 16-6-42 through letters (copies enclosed).

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We had only two days supply on 16-6-42 and no oil was supplied by the Local Agent , but for a loan of 500 gallons of diesel oil received from the Bellary Municipality on 19-6-42 the Power House should have been shut down. The Burmah Oil Company informed in their letter B/L.F.7 D/o dated 15-6-42 that they are unable to meet our demands due to acute shortage in stocks. A copy of their letter is submitted as enclosure.

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The Chief Electrical Inspector to Government Madras informed in his letter M.159 dated 18-6-42 to approach the Chairman Bombay Port Trust and the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India for assistance by telegram (copy enclosed).

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As the Chairman Bombay Port Trust had already informed in his letter W 1138 dated 11-6-42 stating that he had no control on diesel oil a telegram was sent to the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India on 21-6-42 as follows " Elcind - Power House - Shut down - Threatened-immediate arrangements supply diesel oil requested - Commissioner "

The Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India in reply to letter C.No.771-42-E1 dated 26-5-42,informed me in his letter 2/1/13(a) dated 15th June 1942 that a copy of my letter has been forwarded to the Government of Madras on the subject (copy enclosed).

(R) b[illegible]

The Secretary to Government of Madras P.W.D., the Controller of supplies Madras, the District Magistrate Bellary and the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government Madras were again informed of the situation in my letters C.No.771/42-E1 dated 23-6-42 (copies enclosed).

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The Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India in his letter dated 22-6-42 informed me that the Chairman Port Trust Bombay was informed by him through telegram on 22-6-42 to assist us in the supply of diesel oil and sent me a copy of the same telegram . A copy of the above letter is enclosed.

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The Burmah Shell Oil Company Bombay in their letter D dated 24/26th June 1942, informed me stating that they would despatch one tank-waggon shortly to their Agents to meet our needs (copy enclosed).

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On 28-6-42, through troubles taken by the The

the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India, Calcutta and the Chairman Port Trust Bombay, and also the Burmah Shell Oil Company Bombay, the Local Agent received a tank waggon of 3100 gallons of diesel oil.

The Local agent ,Burmah Shell Oil company was requested to give us more oil in view of the frequent shortage of oil and the uncertainity of the arrival of tank waggons but he could give us only 1200 gallons on 29-6-42 as he had no instructions from his company that more oil should be given to us. But on explaining to him the urgent necessity of the Power House he was pleased to supply 320 gallons more stating that the rest of the quantity had already been distributed to the other consumers.

I had been to Madras on 29-6-42 to represent personally the difficulties experienced with regards to the supply of diesel oil and met the Assistant to the Chief Electrical Inspector , Deputy Chief Engineer for Electricity, the Secretary to Government P.W.D., Chief Engineer for Irrigation and the Secretary to Government ,Local Administration Department. I could not meet the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government as he was not at head-quarters.

The Deputy Chief Electrical Inspector to Government on hearing all our difficulties with regards to the supply of diesel oil, informed me that the matter was receiving the consideration of the Government and orders may issue within a fortnight or so.

The Secretary to Government P.W.D. directed me to see the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, who informed me as a result of experiments so far conducted that ground nut oil could be used as good substitute by itself for the diesel oil. I again met the secretary to Government P.W.D. and informed him the result of my interview with the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

I then met the Secretary Local Administration Department on the further advice given by the Secretary to Government P.W.D. and represented to him all the difficulties. I was directed to send a detailed report in the matter for the consideration of the Government. I am accordinly submitting this report for the consideration of the Government.

From the circumstances explained above, I beg to bring to the notice of the Government that the Local Agent distributes oil according to his own discretion on receipt of tank-waggon from the Company. The Company is also unable to despatch oil to this Agent at Hospet on demand owing to their shortage in stocks and also for the difficulty of securing tank-waggon. On account of the inadequate and irregular supply made by the Local Agent the Power House is threatened with shut down at each time. In view of the above fact, I beg to request that the Government may be pleased to consider the urgency of the situation and give their necessary assistance in the matter by regularising supply of diesel oil to meet atleast the minimum requirements of the Power House.

To get oil from the Company is one difficulty and even after receipt of the tank waggon by the Local Agent, to obtain from the latter the minimum requirements of our Power House is a greater difficulty which the Municipality has been experiencing at every stage. Though it can not be denied that the shortage of oil is due to war conditions and also due to the fact that the Railway company are unable to provide adequate transport, even on what little quantity that arrives at Hospet station there is no proper control and the municipality

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is entirely at the mercy of the Local Agent who can not appreciate either ~~by~~ the urgency of the situation or importance of the services rendered by the Municipality to the public at large. The Local Agent feels that in as much as he pays for the oil and gets it, he is its owner and that his discretion in the distribution of the same among his customers of whom the Municipality happens to be one, can not be disputed. Any amount of representation to the Company in this regard has not been fruitful in making better considerations prevail. Of course it is a fact that no agreement ~~exists~~ between the Compay and the Municipality and there is nothing to bind the Company by any right of contract. In this connection I beg to point out that the Municipality happens to be one of the ~~essential~~ services, and the amount of inconvenience that ~~xxx~~ might be caused to the public on account of the shut down of the Power House cannot be too much exaggerated. I beg to request, therefore, that the Government may be pleased to come to the rescue of the municipality and control the supply of oil and its proper distribution by the Local Agent. The Municipality has no objection to get the oil direct from the Company if such a course were to be possible. Else the Company at least may be instructed to advise its local Agent at Hospet to supply adequate quantity to ~~xxxxx~~ the Municipality to meet its minimum requirements at least. I further beg to request that the immediate intervention of the Government in the matter is most essential to avert serious consequences which may result on account of the shut down of the Power House.

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Commissioner. 17.7.42

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Copy of the letter No.nil dated 29-3-42 of the Local Agent, Burmah Shell Oil Company, Hospet, to the Electrical ~~xgnxix~~ Engineer, Hospet.

Ref:-Your Indent No.16 dated [illegible]
Sub:-Lighting - Supply of Diesel oil.

In reply to your letter dated 23-3-42, I regret there is nothing I can do at this end to supply you with fuel oil. The delay in supplies reaching you is due to causes over which I have no control.

You may rest assured that your case together with many others are receiving the most earnest attention.

I am unable to ~~x~~ inform you as to when I may receive supply of Diesel oil positively.

Sd.K. Devendraswamy
Agent, Burmah -Shell.

(True copy)

S. No.7.

Commissioner. 17/7

Copy of the letter Ref.P/9 dated 2nd April 1942 of Messrs.Burmah Shell Company,Belgaum, to the Commissioner,Hospet Municipality, Hospet.

Diesel Oil.

We received your telegram after office hours yesterday, and regret to note that your Power House may be obliged to close down due to want of supplies. We already advised the Electrical Engineer on March 30th that the scarcity of stocks was due to congestion on the Railway and the acute shortage of tank-waggons, factors over which we can exercise no control. We are very sorry for the inconvenience caused, but you will, no doubt, appreicate that there is nothing we can do to relieve the situation.

Since we were not in a position to assist you, we did not think it necessary to reply by wire.

Sd x x
For Burmah-shell
Oil storage & Distributing Co.,
of India, Ltd.,

(True copy)

Commissioner. 14/7

14/7/42

Copy of the telegram dated 28-3-42 of the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet, to the Messrs. Burmah Shell, Bombay.

Burmah Shell Bombay.

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Diesel oil supply Hospet Municipality not made by local Agent - expedite - supply can spare barrels if necessary wire reply.

Sd. R. Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

Lakshmipathy 17.7.42
Commissioner.

Copy of the letter "DO" dated [redacted] 1st April 1942 of Messrs. Burmah Shell Company, Bombay, to the Municipal Commissioner, Hospet.

Diesel oil

We are in receipt of your wire of 25th ultimo and in reply have to inform you that our Guntakal Depot has run short of stocks and we have therefore been unable to send any supplies to Hospet ex that depot. We also do not expect to be able to make any more despatches ex our Guntakal Depot for some time to come and are therefore arranging to send some supplies ex Bombay to meet urgent demands. We hope to despatch the first wagon by the end of this week.

Sd x x
For Burmah-shell
Oil storage & Distributing Co.
of India, Ltd.,

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17.7.42

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Copy of the letter C...o.771/42-A1 dated 17-4-42 of the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet, to the Secretary to Government of Madras Public Works Department, Madras.

Sub:- Lighting - Electricity - diesel oil -supply difficulties - reported -relief - under defence of India Rules - requested.

I beg to state that under ~~xx~~ the terms of Licence granted to the Municipal council Hospet, it is obligatory on the part of the Licensee to give supply of electrical energy to consumers continously.

There are three oil engine generating sets installed at this Power House, two of 40 K.V. each and one of 18.5 K.V. and the monthly consumption of diesel oil is nearly 2000 gallons.

For the last four years, the supply of diesel oil was made by the Local Agent Burmah Shell Hospet to our indents made on him.

~~xx~~ In the usual course, when an indent ~~x~~ for the supply of diesel oil was placed on the Local Agent on 12-3-42, the supply was delayed by him till 7-4-42. When a tank waggon of 2104 gallons was received by him on 7-4-42, he supplied the Municipal Electrical Power House only 1200 gallons after my personal demand made for the supply of 2000 gallons as per the indent placed on him.

The Local Agent in his letter dated 29-3-42 has informed the Municipal Electrical Engineer that he has no control for the delay caused in supplies. A copy of his letter is submitted as enclosure for favour of reference. Messrs. The Burmah Shell oil Company Belgaum in their letter No.P/9 dated 2nd April 1942 informed me stating that the supplies are delayed due to congestion on the Railway and the acute shortage of tank-waggons. A copy of the Company's letter is submitted. In reply to my telegram and letter dated 23-3-42, Messrs. The Burman Shell oil Company Bombay replied stating that they would make direct supply from Bombay to meet urgent needs. A copy of the letter received from Messrs.Burmah -Shell oil Company Bombay is also submitted.

The Chief Electrical Inspector to Government of Madras ~~xx~~ was also addressed in this connection and he has advised us to apply to Government for necessary relief under the Defence of India Rules. A copy of the Chief Electrical Inspector letter is also submitted as an enclosure for favour of reference.

In view of the difficulties explained above, I beg to bring to the kind notice of the Government that it may be difficult to give continous supply of electricity to the Public needs ,if preference in the supply of diesel oil is not shown to electric concerns over the private parties. I therefore request that the Government may be pleased to give this municipality necessary relief towards the supply of diesel oil under the Defence of India Rules and thus help it to maintain a continuous supply of electrical energy to the public as per the statutary rules.

A.V.Krishnaiyer
Commissioner.

(True copy)

Commissioner.

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Copy of the letter M-29-A-305 dated 10th April 1942 of the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government, Triplicane, Madras, to the Commissioner, Municipal Council, Hospet.

Sub:- Hospet Municipal Electrical licence-Maintenance of supply -Restriction.

Ref:- Your C.No.771/42-E1 dated 30-3-42.

With reference to the above, I have the honour to request you to apply to the Secretary to Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, to give you the necessary relief under the Defence of India Rules from maintaining a continuance supply explaining in detail the circumstances under which you are making the request.

Sd x x
For Chief Electrical Inspector
to Government.

(True copy)

Commissioner.

Copy of the letter No.nil dated 3-5-42 of the Local Agent, Burmah-Shell, Hospet, to the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet.

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Ref:- C.No.771/42-El.

Sub:- Diesel oil supplies.

In reply to your letter of the 29th April received here on the 1st ~~xxxxx~~ May afternoon at about 3 P.M. , I wish to inform you that our Diesel oil Tank is expected here ~~xx~~ very shortly.

Effective from 1st May 1942 our rates are as follows:-

Rs. 4-0-3	per unit	of 8.I.G.	B.S.L.D. oil
Rs. 0-4-0	per "	of 8 I.G.	M.M.S. S. Tax.
Rs. 0-1-0	per "	of 8 I.G.	Handling Charges.
Rs. 4-5-3	per "	of 8 I.G.	

Therefore I kindly request you to arrange to send me your confirmation letter at your earliest convenience for the above mentioned rates to enable me to supply you with Diesel oil.

Thanking you.

Sd. K.N.Devendraswamy.

(True copy)

Copy of the letter No.nil dated 3-5-42 of the Local Agent,Burmah-Shell.Hospet, to the Commissioner,Hospet Municipality,Hospet.

Ref:- C.No.771/42-M.

Sub:- Diesel oil supplies.

In reply to your letter of the 29th April received here on the 1st ~~xxxx~~ May afternoon at about 3 P.M. , I wish to inform you that our Diesel oil Tank is expected here ~~xx~~ very shortly.

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Rs. 0-1-0 per "	of	8 I.G.	Handling Charges.
Rs. 4-5-3 per "	of	8 I.G.	

Therefore I kindly request you to arrange to send me your confirmation letter at your earliest convenience for the above mentioned rates to enable me to supply you with Diesel oil.

Thanking you.

(True copy)

Sd. K.N.Devendrasawmy.

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Copy of the letter No.nil dated 13-5-42 of the Local Agent, Burmah-Shell oil, Hospet, to the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet.

Ref:- C. No.771/42-A1

Sub:- Diesel oil-supplies.

In Reply to your letter of the 5th instant I beg to inform you that we have no stock of oil on hand to give you further supplies at present.

Therefore I will arrange to supply with oil as soon as our Diesel oil Tank arrive here next.

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Sd. K.N. Devendraswamy

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17/7

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Copy of the letter No.II.29-Hos.364 dated 8th May 1942 of the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government, Mettur Dam, to the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet.

Sub:- Lighting - Electricity Diesel oil-supply difficulties -reported -relief under Defence of India rules.

Ref:-Your C.No.771/42-A1 dated 17-4-42 to the Secretary to Government, P.W.D.-copy to this office.

With reference to the above, I have the honour to inform you that approval of Government should be ~~xx~~ obtained for restricting the hours of supply.

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Regarding the supply/oil, you may approach the Controller of Supplies, Madras, for necessary assistance in ensuring a regular supply of oil for the running of your power house.

Sd x x
For Chief Electrical Inspector
to Government.

(True copy)

Copy of the letter C. No.771/42-A1 dated 15-5-42 of the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet, to the Controller, of supplies Madras.

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Sub:- Lighting - Electricity - diesel oil - supply difficulties - reported -necessary relief - requested.

I beg to state that under the terms of licence granted to the Municipal Council Hospet, it is obligatory on the part of the Licensee to give supply of electrical energy to consumers continously.

There are three oil engines generating sets at this Power House for supplying electrical energy to the Hospet town and the monthly consumption of diesel oil is nearly 2000 gallons.

For the last four years, the supply of diesel oil was made by the Local Agent, Burmah Shell, Hospet to our indents made on him. From the 15th March 1942, and on wards, the Agent is unable to supply oil to our requirements and also as per our indents placed with him. When he receives the tank-waggon he supplies oil to the Municipal Power House, the quantity which he thinks best irrespective of the fact that we render essential services to the public.

Secondly the Local Agent B.O.C. in his letter dated 29-3-42 states that it is beyond his control to make regular supplies of oil. A copy of his letter is herewith enclosed for favour of reference.

The Chief Electrical Inspector to Government of Madras was also addressed in this connection and he has advised us to apply to you for giving necessary assistance. A copy of Chief Electrical Inspector's letter is herewith enclosed.

In the circumstance explained above, it may be difficult to give even the minimum required supply of electricity to the public if preference in the supply of diesel oil is not shown to electric concerns over the private parties. I therefore request you to please give necessary assistance to this Municipality to get supplies of

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diesel oil regularly and also give priority claim to electric concerns over the private parties with regard to the supply of diesel oil and thus help the concern to maintain supply of electrical energy to the Public as per the Statutory Rules.

Sd.R.Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17/7

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Copy of the letter C.No.771/42-E1 dated 26-5-42 of the Municipal Commissioner, Hospet, to the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India, Calcutta. 29

Sub : Lighting - Electricity - Diesel oil-supply of.

I beg to state that under the terms of licence, it is obligatory on the part of the Licensee viz the Municipal Council Hospet to give supply of electrical energy to consumers continously.

There are three oil engine generating sets at this Power House for supplying electrical energy to the Hospet Town and the monthly consumption of diesel oil is nearly 2000 gallons.

For the last four years the supply of diesel oil was made by the Local Agent Burmah Shell Hospet to our indents made on him.

From 15th March 1942, and onwards, the Agent is unable to supply oil to our requirements and also as per the indetns placed with him. When he receives the tank-xx wagon, he supplies oil to Municipal Power House, the quantity which he considers best irrespective of the fact that we render essential service to the public.

Secondly the local Agent B.O.C. in his letter dated 29-3-42 states that it is beyond his control to make regular supplies of oil . A copy of his letter is herewith enclosed for favour of reference.

In the circumstances xx explained aoove, it may be difficult to give even the minimum required supply of electricity to public, if preference in the supply of diesel oil is not shown to electric concerns over the private parties. I therefore request you to please help this concern to maintain the supply of electrical energy to the public as per statutary rules by giving your necessary assistance in the matter.

Sd. R. Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17/7

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Copy of the letter No.5637 dated 28-5-42 of the Controller of Supplies, Madras, to the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet.

Sub:- Lighting - Electricity -diesel oil-supply difficulties -reported - necessary relief- requested.

With reference to your letter No.771/42-A1 dated 15th May, I have the honour to inform you that as your requirements of light diesel are supplied from Bombay, you may address the Chairman, Bombay Port Trust, Bombay, in the matter.

Sd x x
Controller of supplies,
South India, Circle.

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17/7

16/7/42

Copy of the letter No.V 1136 dated 11th June 1942 of the Chairman, Port Trust, Bombay, to the Commissioner, Mospet Municipality, Mospet.

With reference to your letter C.No.771-21/42 dated 2nd June 1942 on the subject of supply of diesel oil, I write to say that I do not control Diesel oil.

Sd x x
Chairman, Port Trust, Bombay
and Controller, Fuel Oil
Supplies, Bombay.

(True copy) 16/7 Commissioner 17/7

Copy of the letter No.771/42-A1 dated 13-6-42 of the Commissioner Hospet Municipality, Hospet, to the Chief Electrical Inspector to the Government, Triplicane, Madras.

Sub:- Electricity - Diesel oil -supply of difficulties-reported.

Ref:-Your letter No.A.29 Nos.364 dated 8th May 1942.

With reference to the instructions given in your above letter reference was made to the controller of supplies madras explaining the difficulties in getting supply of diesel oil and requesting him to render his assistance in the matter for getting the regular supply.

He in his letter No.6637 dated 26-5-42 advised us to refer the matter to the Chairman Bombay Trust, Bombay as the supplies of diesel oil are made from Bombay ~~once~~ area (letter enclosed).

According to the above letter, a letter was addressed to the Chairman, Bombay Port Trust Bombay on 2-6-42 and no reply is received from him, for the same.

~~The present stock of diesel oil of about 290 gallons~~

The Burmah-Shell oil company Bombay in its letter No.B/F & 7.D/o dated 1st June 1942 addressed to the Controller of supplies South India Circle, Madras and ~~copy~~ forwarded to us, have stated that no controller for diesel has been appointed. A copy of the letter is enclosed.

The present stock of diesel oil is about 290 gallons and the Local Agent B.O.C. is not able to state in what time he would receive the supply.

The Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India has also been addressed in the matter on 26-5-42 and no reply has yet been received from him.

Under these circumstances, the Power House will be threatened with a complete shut down if no supply of oil is ~~not~~ received with in a few days. I have reported the above facts to you for your information and necessary action.

Sd.R.Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17/7

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Copy of the letter No.771/42-A dated 16-6-42 of the Municipal Commissioner, Hospet, to the ~~xx~~ Controller of supplies South India Circle, United India life buildings, Madras.

Sub:- Lighting - Electricity - diesel oil - supply difficulties - reported - necessary relief - requested.

Ref:- Your letter 6637 dated 23-5-42.

In accordance with the instructions issued in your above referred letter, the Chairman, Bombay Port Trust was addressed requesting him to give us assistance for the regular and adequate supply of diesel oil to run the Municipal Electrical Power House.

The Chairman, Port Trust Bombay in his letter 1138 dated 11th June 1942 has stated that he has no control over the diesel oil supply. A copy of his letter is enclosed for your perusal.

The present stock of our diesel oil has fallen short and with the existing supply we can only run the Power House only for a few days more by restricting the supply to about eight hours a day.

I request you to please take into consideration the urgency of the situation and render your early assistance in the matter to enable us to get an immediate and regular supply.

Sd. R. Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

Municipal Commissioner

Copy of the letter C.No.771/42-E1 dated 16-6-42 of the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, to the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India, Calcutta.

Sub:- Lighting - Electricity - ~~x~~ diesel oil -supply difficulties -reported-necessary relief-requested.

Ref:-(1)This office letter C.No.771/42-E1 dated 26-5-42.

I beg to invite the kind attention of the Commissioner with the Government of India to my reference C.No.771/42-E1 dated 26-5-42 and further submit the following report with regards to the difficulties caused in the supply of diesel oil.

The present stock of diesel oil about 175 gallons and with the existing stock we may be able to supply electrical energy at the rate of eight hours a day for about a week more.

The Local Agent B.O.C. who is our supplier for diesel oil is not able to say when he would able to get supply from his company and supply us our requirement as per the indent placed with him.

On the advice of Chief Electrical Inspector Government of Madras representations was made to the Controller of supplies ~~Xxx~~ South India circle Madras to assist us in getting us regular supplies. In response to our letter, he advised us to approach the Chairman Port Trust Bombay for necessary assistance(copy of the letter enclosed).

The Chairman Port Bombay in response to our letter C.No.771/42-E1 dated 2-6-42, informs us that he has no control over diesel oil.

Under the above circumstances, this Municipal Electric concern is rendered helpless and there is great inconvenience caused to the public of Hospet on account of restriction of supply and a complete shut down of the Power House is threatened in a few days ~~xx~~ time.

I have reported the facts to you and request you to render your assistance immediately in this connection.

Sd.R.Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

16/6/42 (True copy) Commissioner 17/6

Copy of the letter C.No.771/42-El dated 16-6-42 of the Commissioner Hospet Municipality,Hospet, to the District Magistrate,Bellary.

Sub:- Lighting - Electricity - diesel oil-supply - difficulties -reported-necessary relief-requested.

In continuation of my reference C.No.771/42-El dated 14-6-42, I beg to submit that the present stock of diesel oil in our Power House is about 175 gallons and with this stock we may be able to run the Power house for about a week more at the rate of eight hours per day.

The Local Agent B.O.C. has not received any oil from the company to give us supply and he is not able to ensure us when he will be able to supply ~~and he is not able to [illegible]~~ supply the oil.

On the advice of the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government in his letter M-29-Mos.364 dated 8th May 1942,(copy enclosed), Controller of supplies Madras was addressed in this office letter C.No.771/42-El dated 15-5-42 to give us necessary assistance in the matter.

The Controller of supplies south India Circle Madras in response to my above letter advised me in his letter No.6687 dated 25-5-42 (Copy enclosed) to approach the Chairman,Bombay Port Trust for necessary assistance.

The Chairman Bombay Port Trust was also addressed in my reference C.No.771/42-El dated 2-6-42. In reply he states in his letter M 1138 dated 11-6-42(copy enclosed) that he has no control on diesel oil.

The above information is again reported to the controller of supplies south India Circle Madras for further advice and assistance.

In this connection I beg to submit that unless some supply is received immediately, within a few days, a complete shut down of the Power House will happen causing great inconvenience.to the public. I therefore request you that you may be pleased to render us the necessary assistance in the matter to avert the threatened shut down.

Sd.R.Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17/7

Copy of the letter No.771/42-E1 dated 16-6-42 of the Municipal Commissioner, Hospet to the Chief Electrical Inspector to Governmen Madras.

Sub:- Lighting-Electricity-Restriction and controller over supp_, Restriction of the hours of working of Electrical undertaking.

Ref:-Your letter M.29.Nos.364 dated 8th May 1942.

I beg to submit herewith a copy of G.O.No.1254 -/42 -2 dated 11-6-42, wherein the Government have ordered to take permission of the concerned District Magistrate for the restriction of hours of supply.

In accordance with the instructions issued in the above G.O. application for necessary permission for restricting the hours of supply has been submitted to the District Magistrate, Bellary in this office C.No.771/42-E1 dated 16-6-42. This above facts are reported for your kind information.

Sd.R.Lakshmipathy/Commissioner

(True copy)

for 16/6/42 Commissioner.

for Commissioner 17/7

Copy of the letter No.B/LF.7 .D/0 dated 15th June 19.2 of the Burmah-Shell Oil company,Bombay, to the Commissioner,Hospet Municipality.

Sub:- Diesel Oil.

With reference to your telegram of the 13th instant, as a result of the war the distribution of Diesel oil is being carried on in circumstances of the greatest difficulty. There has been a serious shortage of supplies and this shortage is likely to continue. We and our agents are doing our best to maintain supplies but we can give no indication as to how far we are likely to be successful.

If the power house is closed down then we realise that grave inconvenience will be caused, but we feel that this inconvenience will be endured, at any rate with resignation, when it is realised that the shortage of diesel oil is caused by the war effort.

Sd. x x
for Burmah-shell
Oil Storage & Distributing colof India.Ltd.

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17/7

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Copy of the letter M.159 dated 18th June 1942 of the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government, Triplicane, Madras, to the Commissioner, Cosset Municipality, Cosset.

Sub:- Electricity - Diesel oil- supply of.

Ref:-Commissioner's letter C.No.771/42-E1 dated 13-6-42.

With reference to the above, I have the honour to invite your attention to Government's Memo.No.1254 E/42-2 dated 11-6-42 advising you to apply to the District Magistrate for necessary permission for restricting supply in your area, Under the circumstances explained in your letter, it is desirable that the existing stock of oil should be made to last as long as possible to meet the most essential requirements.

Meanwhile, the Chairman, Bombay Port Trust and the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India should be reminded by telegram. The Secretary to Government of Madras, P.W.D., may also be informed of the situation.

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Sd P.V.Chari,
Chief Electrical Inspector
to Government.

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17/7/42

17/7/42

Copy of the letter No.E1.C.2/1/13(A) dated 15th June 1942 of the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India, Calcutta, to the Commissioner, Kospet Municipality, Kospet.

Sub:- Supply of Light Diesel oil.

I acknowledge receipt of your letter No.C.7/1/42-E1 dated the 26th ultimo, regarding your difficulties in getting proper supply of oil deliveries.

2. I have written to the Government of Madras on the subject of oil supplies to electricity supply undertakings in the province and I am forwarding to them a copy of your letter for necessary action.

3. I would suggest that you should keep in touch with the Madras Government and the Controller of supplies, Madras, who is the Chairman of the Fuel oil Advisory committee. If any difficulties are experienced in the supply of wagons for the transport of oil, you should approach the Provincial Trnasport Board, Madras, for necessary assistance.

Sd x x
Director of Power Expansion.

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17/7

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Copy of the letter C.No.771/42-A1 dated 23-6-42 of the Municipal Commissioner, Hospet, to the Secretary to Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Madras. Through the Chairman, Municipal Council, Hospet.

Sub:- Electricity - Diesel oil-supply of-difficulties - reported.

I beg to bring to the kind notice of the Government the difficulties caused in respect of supply of diesel oil and pray for necessary relief.

The Municipal Electrical Power House Hospet has run short of diesel oil and we are now running the Power House from 3 P.M. to 11 P.M. each day, with 500 gallons diesel oil taken as loan from the Municipal Power House Bellary.

The Local ~~xxxxxxx~~ Agent the B.O.C. who~~xx~~ is our supplier for last four years has not been able to state as to when he would be able to supply oil as no information is received from his compar

With the present stock of oil which is taken as loan from Bellary Municipality the Power House could be run for a few more days and a shut down is threatened afterwards.

I ~~x~~ therefore beg to request that the Government may be pleased to immediately arrange for the regular supply of diesel oil and avert the threatened shut down.

In this connection, I beg to bring to the kind information of the Government that situation has also been reported to the District Magistrate, Bellary ~~&~~ instructed in Government Memorandum No.1254 A/42-2 dated 11th June 1942.

Sd. R. Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

Lakshmipathy
Commissioner. 17/7

Copy of the letter C.No.771/42-A1 dated 23-6-42 of the Municipal Commissioner, Hospet, to the Controller of Supplies, Madras.

Sub:- Lighting - Electricity-supply of light diesel oil-difficulties-reported.

In continuation of my report C.No.771/42-A1 dated 16-6-42, I beg to report the further difficulties caused regarding the supply of diesel oil and request you to please give your early assistance in the matter to avert a threatened shut down of the Power House.

The Local Agent M.O.J.Hospet has not supplied till this date any oil and he is not able to state when he would receive supply from the company.

The Power House is now being run from 3 P.M. to 11 P.M. on the oil of 500 gallons taken as a loan from the Bellary Municipality, and with this stock the Power House could be run for a few days more and a complete shut down of the Power House is threatened afterwards.

The Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India in his letter No.El/C2/1X3(A) dated 15th June 1942 has advised us to approach you for assistance as you are the chairman fuel oil Advisory Committee. A copy of his letter is herewith enclosed for your kind perusal.

In view of the circumstances explained above, I request you to consider the critical situation of our Power House and render your earliest assistance in the matter to avert the shut down of the Power House.

Sd.K.Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

Lakshmipathy
Commissioner. 17/7

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Copy of the letter No.771/42-A1 dated 23-6-42 of the Municipal Commissioner, Hospet, to the District Magistrate, Bellary.

Sub:- Lighting - Electricity - diesel oil-supply of-difficulties -reported -necessary relief - requested.

In continuation of my report C.No.771/42-A1 dated 19-6-42, I beg to report the further action taken regarding the supply of diesel for your information and necessary assistance.

The Local Agent B.O.C. has not received the supply of oil from the Company till this date, which he expected within the 1st week of June 1942. He states that no information is being received from the company as to when the tank waggon would arrive.

The existing stock of oil, which is taken as loan from the Bellary Municipality will be over within about 10 or 12 days and a complete shut down of the Power House is threatened afterwards.

Viewing this worse situation a notice has been served to the consumers on 19-6-42 , informing them that supply of electrical energy may be discontinued from any date on which we fall short of diesel oil and requesting them to make their own arrangements in the absence of supply of electrical energy(copy enclosed).

The Electrical Inspector to Government in his letter No.159 dated 15th June 1942 (copy enclosed) has advised to apply to you for restricting supply of electrical energy and has also advised us to meet only the essential requirements with the existing stock of oil.

The present hours of supply are from 3 P.M. to 11 P.M. and permission for running the Power House in the above manner has been applied to you in my reference C.No.771/42-A1 dated 14-6-42.

As advised in para 2 of the Electrical Inspector's letter referred above, the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India Calcutta, has been informed by telegram about the threatened shut down of power house on 22-6-42 and the Chairman Port Trust Bombay has not been stated in his letter No.113 dated 11th of June 1942 that he has no control on diesel oil.

The Electrical Commissioner in his letter No.12/1/43(A) dated 15th June 1942 (copy enclosed) has advised to approach the Madras Government and the Controller of supplies Madras in the matter for assistance. According to his advice, the Controller of supplies and the Secretary to Government(P. & D.) Madras have been addressed to-day, requesting them to render their early assistance regarding regular supply of diesel oil.

In view of the circumstances explained above, I beg to request the District Magistrate Bellary to render all possible assistance to avert the shut down of the Power House, which is found inevitable under the existing circumstances.

Sd. A.Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17/7

16/7/42

Copy of the letter No.771/42-A1 dated 23-6-42 of the Municipal Commissioner, Hospet, to the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government, Madras.

Sub:- Lighting - Electricity -diesel oil-supply of difficulties -reported.

Ref:-Your letter No.M.159 dated 18th June 1942.

With reference to your above letter I beg to submit that the District Magistrate Bellary has been addressed to accord permission and also advice us regarding the restriction of supply of electrical energy.

As advised in para 2 of your letter, the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India, Calcutta has been informed of the situation regarding the supply of diesel oil by telegram. As the Chairman Port Trust Bombay in his letter T.1138 dated 11th June 1942 (copy of the same forwarded to you along with my reference C.No.771/42 dated 16-6-42) has stated that he has no control over diesel oil, no further correspondence is made with him.

The Secretary to Government, P.W.D. has also addressed requesting him to ~~xix~~ give the necessary relief.

The Electrical Commissiner with the Government of India in his letter No. E.C.2/1/43(A) dated 15th June 1942, copy enclosed has advised to approach the Madras Government and the Controller of supplies Madras for assistance. Letters ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ requesting the supply of diesel oil have been addressed to them as advised by the Electrical Commissioner.

The above facts are reported to you for your information and necessary advice.

Sd. M.Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

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Lakshmipathy
Commissioner. 17/7

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Copy of the letter No.nil dated 22nd June 1942, of the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India, Calcutta, to the Commissioner Hospet Municipality, Hospet.

Post copy in confirmation to

The Chairman, Bombay, Port Trust,
Bombay.

With the request that urgent action should please be taken regarding supply of fuel oil to the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality by Burmah-Shell, Bombay.

State

Chairman, Port Trust,
Bombay

EL.C.2/1/13-A. YOUR LETTER W 1138 DATED 11.6.42 TO COMMISSIONER HOSPET MUNICIPALITY REGARDING SUPPLY OF DIESEL OIL STOP ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT CONTROLLED YET WOULD REQUEST YOUR GOOD OFFICES A TO ARRANGE WITH BURMAH-SHELL OIL SUPPLY TO HOSPET STOP COMMISSIONER FEARS TO PLACE SHUT DOWN OF POWER HOUSE WITHIN FEW DAYS WHICH WOULD RESULT IN SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES STOP TELEGRAPH ACTION TAKEN.

ELCTD

Electrical Commissioner, 17, Esplanade, Mansions, Calcutta, 22.6.42.

Copy to:-The Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet, for information in reference to his C. No.771/42-E1 dated 16-6-42.

Messrs. Burman-Shell oil storage & Distributing co., of India, Ltd., Burmah-Shell House, Ballard Estate, Fort, Bombay, with the request that they will please expedite the oil supply to Hospet Municipality as any delay will result in complete shut down of the Power House involving serious consequences.

Controller of supplies, Madras, for information.

Sd H. Mathews,
Electrical Commissioner.

16/7/62 (True copy)

Commissioner 17/7

Copy of the letter D. dated 24/26th June 1942 of Messrs. Burmah-Shell Company, Bombay, to the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet.

Diesel oil.

Your telegram dated 21st June addressed to our Poona Depot Superintendent has been forwarded to us.

As a result of the War situation distribution of Diesel oil is being carried out in circumstances of the greatest difficulty with the result that we are only able to meet a part of our Agents' requirements. This is responsible for shortage of Diesel Oil at a number of stations and we are afraid that the shortage is likely to continue.

We regret to hear that your Power House is threatened with a close down, but we hope that this will be avoided in view of the fact that our Agents will shortly be receiving a supply.

Sd x x
For Burmah-Shell
Oil Storage & Distributing Co.,
of India.Ltd.,

(True copy)

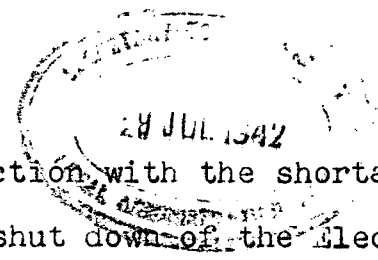
Commissioner. 17/7/42

Supply of Diesel oil – Hospet MLC

D. O.
R. Lakshmipathy, B.A.,
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER,

Municipal Office,
HOSPET.

Date 17th July 1942.



Respected sir,

In connection with the shortage of diesel oil and the threatened shut down of the Electric Power House, when I had been to Madras on 30-6-42 you were pleased to grant me an interview, when I explained to you in person the actual situation here. You also directed me to send to your personal address a detailed report in the matter. I am submitting herewith a detailed report as per your instructions. I have also submitted to day another letter to your official address for favour of necessary action.

Supply of diesel oil – report – Kept at bottom of file

Yours obediently,

Lakshmipathy 17.7.42.

To

V.N. Kudva Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Local Administration Department,
MADRAS.

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No. El.C. 2/1/13.A.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY,
Office of the Electrical Commissioner with the
Government of India,
17, Esplanade Mansions, Calcutta.

The 15th July, 1942.

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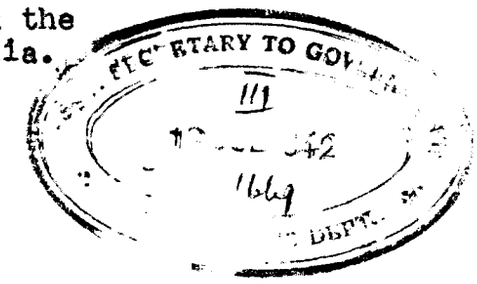
From

The Electrical Commissioner with the
Government of India.



To

Commissioner Delegate,
Hospet Municipality,
Hospet.

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter No.771/42-El dated 7.7.42. The difficulty in maintaining adequate supplies of fuel oil to up-country consumers is caused by congestion on the railways and the shortage of tank wagons and is further complicated by the alteration in certain instances in the main Port from which supplies are sent as a result of development in the war situation. I have already taken up the question of railway transport with Messrs Burmah-Shell Oil Storage & Distributing Co. of India Ltd., who are in close touch with the railways and have already made special arrangements for oil traffic. I enclose herewith for your information a copy of my letter No. El.C. 2/1/ dated 15.7.42 to Messrs Burmah-Shell, Bombay.

2. I must, however, emphasise that practically all the consumers of diesel oil are engaged in the production of food or other essential necessities vital for the life of the communit and these should be regarded as equally if not more important th some of the public electricity undertakings whose major load comprises of lighting and fannage.

3. From the particulars furnished under your letter No. C5076/41-El dated 27.1.42, I note that with the exception of 5 industrial flour mills, the rest of the load is all due to domestic consumers and street lighting. In the circumstances it is essential that you should give immediate consideration to a drastic reduction in the street lighting and all other non-essential loads with a view to reducing your demand for diesel fuel oil to the barest minimum quantity necessary for maintainin essential services only. In this connection I have to advise you that the Central Government have recently advised the Provincial Governments of the principles and methods to be followed for reducing electric consumption with a view to the conservation of fuel oil.

4. I would therefore suggest that you should immediately get in touch with the Secretary to Government, P.W.D., Madras for necessary instructions regarding the fixing of an immediate quota of fuel oil to your undertaking.

Yours faithfully,

(H.H.Mathews).
Electrical Commissioner.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, P.W.D., Madras, for information in reference to letter No.A.828 dated 13.6.42, from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Labour Department, New Delhi, to all Provincial Governments (except Bengal, Bihar, Assam, Orissa and U.P.).

Memo No. 1669 III/42-2 dt 24-7-42

Hospet Mnl. El. Supply undertaking
- Diesel oil supplies.

Ref. Letter from the Comm., Hospet Municipality No. C.771/42 El dt 14-7-42

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The attention of the Comm., Hospet Municipality is invited to Go No. 1828 Pur. dt 6-6-42 (copy enclosed), Memo No. 1254 E/42-2 dt 11-6-42 and the letter addressed to him by the El. Comm with the Govt of India No. El.C. 2/1/13-A dt 15/16-7-42. All possible steps should be taken immediately for the reduction of load so as to bring about the maximum reduction in oil consumption, ~~as practicable~~. Any restriction of the hours of supply found necessary should be effected with the permission of the D.M., Bellary. Further orders for reducing electric consumption in areas served by diesel oil engines will be issued shortly.

2. A copy of Press Note No 1368 dt 6-7-42 is forwarded to the Comm It will be seen therefrom that

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the tests made so far in the College of Engineering at Guindy ~~on the use of ground nut oil in diesel engines~~ indicate that ground nut oil is a very good substitute for diesel oil ~~and that~~ full information regarding the use of ground nut oil can be obtained from the Principal of the College.

3. Separate orders will be issued on the question of supply of diesel oil to the Rural Electrification undertaking

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(by DW) Action taken

To the Comm., Hospet Municipality thro' the C.M.C

Copy to the C.E.E. (Attn: Copy of P&S) — " D.T., Bellary

Dno with enclosures as above

G 24/7

Please see the letter of the Commr Hospet Mpty at pp 1-5 CF. Owing to the acute shortage of diesel oil during the present emergency, the Govt of India have asked Provl Govts to ration the supply of electrical energy, in places served by diesel oil engines. This question is under consideration in PWD. While it is no doubt essential that the Hospet mpl Cl and the consumers of electrical energy in the mpty should cut down the consumption of power, it is urgently necessary to see that what little supply of diesel oil reaches Hospet is properly distributed among the mpl Cl and the other Consumers and that the distribution is not entirely left to the ~~whims and fancies of the~~ mercy of the agent of the B.O.C at Hospet. The position stated by the Commr at A-A1 in pp 4-5 CF cannot be tolerated. It seems to be necessary to control the

distribution of the diesel oil received at Hospet and also in other places. The Dt Magistrate may be empowered ~~to Dep~~ under the D.O.I rules to requisition the oil and to control the distribution effectively. The Case may be transferred to PWD for disposal in consultation with Public (war)

RK 20.7.42 — TAA 20.7.42 — Leey PWD

Apparently there is acute shortage of diesel oil. Even so, preference will have to be given to the needs of the Power-house, to those of ~~the~~ Consumers, who are not utilising it for any war purposes

JP 21.7.42 PWD

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PWD

No. 1669 III/42 From the Sl. Comm. No. 21-C. 2/1/13-A & pp65-66 cf. WO No 1096-1(F) 15/16.7.42 21.7.42

A.S.

The request of the Comm is that some arrangements should be made by which the Sal. Council is given adequate supply of diesel oil to meet its minimum requirements at least. The Sl. Comm with the Govt of India has already intimated to the

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Council the position in regard to the supply of diesel oil and the steps to be taken by it for reducing its demand for diesel to the barest minimum quantity necessary for maintaining essential services only. The Govt. have also issued instructions to the Commr that for any restriction of the hours of working of the Md. El. undertaking the permission of the DIT. should be taken. The proposal referred to at A on p65 Cf. which was made in the Govt of India letter mentioned at B on p66 Cf. has been dealt with in a separate file sent to L.A., Dev Home and Legal for remarks on 10-7-42. Pending the issue of orders on the above file the Commr. may be requested to take immediately such steps as may be deemed necessary for reducing consumption as suggested in para 3 of the El. Comm's letter on p65 Cf. He may also be informed that the experiments made on the use of ground nut oil in diesel engines in the Engg College indicate that ground nut oil is a very good substitute for diesel oil and that full information on the subject may be obtained from the Principal of the College.

2. With reference to para 4 of the

Sl. Comm's letter on p 0·5 of Dev may be requested to take the necessary actn

3. A draft memo to the Comm., Hospet-Municipality is submitted. After issue the file may be passed to Dev with reference to para 2 above.

DS 23/7

23/7/42

Dev. may first note what is the situation in regard to control of the supply of diesel oil - other than Light speed diesel oil. Presumably the control is not left entirely to the oil companies.

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W. no 1669 III/42-1
23.7.42

UNDER SECRETARY
23 JUL 1942
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Dev.

To R.S.

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The Govt of India have issued an order under the Defence of India Rules regulating with effect from 24-7-1942 disposal of stocks of diesel oil with the distributing Companies and the Controller of Supplies is to work out the details of the Control Order on the lines indicated by the G of I in consultation with the Provincial Govt. With this information the file may be returned to P.W.D.

(File in Dev)

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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24.7.42

PLD

Submitted for orders. Attention is invited to para 4(a) of the Govt of India letter to the Controller of Supplies at p 5 of (Y).

In view of the orders on page 9 of (Y), the Municipality has apparently to look to the Controller of Supplies Madras for the oil required for the undertaking.

Top Case

Issue

24/7

[Issued as Memo No. 1669 III/42-2 dt 24.7.42]

The file may now be sent to Dev.

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24.7.42

Dev

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UNDER SECRETARY
25 JUL 1942
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Dev.

Development Department.

To Under Secretary.

(Previous note of this Dept. on page 4 above.)

As stated at 'A' above the Municipality has to look to the Controller of Supplies, Madras for the oil required. The Govt. of India's letter specifically provides that the controller should consult the Provincial Government in the matter of any restrictions in deliveries to Electric Supply undertakings and Public Utility Concerns. Proposals in this regard are awaited from the Controller and will be examined in due course. No action on this point is called for in this file. The memo at pages 67-68 may be perused and the file returned to P.W.D.

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With reference to 'K' above bottom PWD
of p.s. note, no further action seems called for
on this file which may be closed.

No DS 2756 dt 4.8.62

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DM
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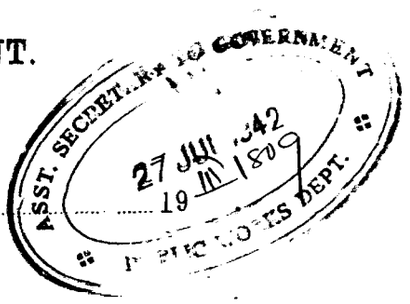

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Subject.

Lighting - Electricity - diesel oil - supply of difficulties - reported.

ENCLOSURES.
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No. 771/42-E1

Station Hospet., *Dated the* 22 - 7 - 1942.

From (Name) Sri.R.Lakshmipathy,B.A.,

(Designation) Commissioner,Hospet Municipality,

HOSPET.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department Department.
through, MADRAS.

Sir, The Chairman,
Municipal Council,Hospet.

Ref:-Government Memorandum No.1262 III/42-1 dated 11th July 1942.

1/ The Government in their Memorandum referred above have been pleased to advise me to approach the Controller of Supplies Madras for necessary assistance.

2/ I beg to submit herewith copies of the letters No.6637 dated 28-5-42, letter No.10867 dated 25-6-42, and letter No.11712(d) dated 11th July 1942 wherein the Controller of Supplies Madras has informed me that he is unable to help me in the matter.

3/ The Chairman Bombay Port Trust, whom I approached on the advice of the Controller of Supplies Madras, has informed in his letter No.W 1138 dated 11th June 1942 and letter No.W.1399 dated 1st July 1942(copies enclosed) stating that he has no control over diesel oil and therefore he is unable to render his assistance in the supply of diesel oil.

4/ In view of the above facts, I beg to request that

P.T.O.

that the Government may be pleased to advise me as to the further course to be taken in this connection.

S.B.22.7.

Commissioner. 28/7/42

22/7/42

P&W D

UNDER SECRETARY 29 JUL 1942 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Dev. no. 5381 submitted to U.S. for submitting to P.W.D.

Dev. no. [A request made by the Md. Council, Hospet, for a regular supply of diesel oil was passed on to Dev with Pr. no. 1669 III/42-38 24.7.42]

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Pr. no. 1809 III/41-1
28.7.42

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To R.S.

Pg (V) VOC also K1 on p5 n6 (C) Para (V) on p5 n6 (V)

The Govt. have since issued a Control order prohibiting the oil Companies from disposing of stocks of diesel oil except under instructions from the Controller of Supplies. The Controller is to consult the Provincial Govt. in regard to any restrictions in the supply of oil to Electric supply Corporations and other public utility concerns. On receipt of proposals from the Controller of Supplies, this will be examined in detail in Consultation with the P.W.D. No action is called for on this. May be returned to the P.W.D.

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Copy of the letter No.6637 dated 23-5-42 of the Controller of Supplies, Madras, to the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet.

Sub:- Lighting - Electricity -diesel oil-supply difficulties -reported - necessary relief - requested.

With reference to your letter No.771/42-A1 dated 15th May, I have the honour to inform you that as your requirements of light- diesel oil are supplied from Bombay you may address the Chairman, Bombay Port Trust, Bombay, in the matter.

Sd x x
Controller of Supplies,
South India, Circle.

(True copy)

Commissi~~oner~~. 22/7

dv 22/7/42

Copy of the letter No.10867 dated 25-6-42 of the Controller of supplies south India circle, Madras, to the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality.

Diesel oil.

With reference to your letter C.No.771-C1/42 dated 16th June, I regret to say that I am not in a position to take any action in the matter and suggest that you approach your suppliers of diesel oil for the assistance required.

Sd x x
Controller of supplies,
South India circle.

(True copy)

Commissioner.

22/7/42

Copy of the letter No.11742(d) dated 11th July 1942 of the Controller of Supplies ,south India,circle,Madras, to the Chairman,Municipal councils,Hospet.

Sub:-Supply of Electricity oil to the municipality.

With reference to your letter on the above subject, I write to say that on reference to the oil companies in this behalf it is ascertained that your Municipality obtains its requirements from the Bombay Supply area.

As supplies of Light Diesel oil are not under the control of this office and as your municipality is served from the Bombay supply area, I regret I am not in a position to be of assistance to you in this matter. It is suggested that you address the Chairman,Bombay Port Trust ,who is the chairman of the Bombay Fuel oil Control Committee.

Sd x x
Controller of Supplies,
South India circle,
Madras.

(True copy)

Commissioner. 20/7

22/7/42

Copy of the letter No.T 1133 dated 11th June 1942 of the Chairman, Port Trust, Bombay, to the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet.

With reference to your letter C.No.771-31/42 dated 2nd June 1942 on the subject of supply of diesel oil, I write to say that I do not control Diesel oil.

Sd x x
Chairman, Port Trust, Bombay
and Controller, Fuel Oil
Supplies, Bombay.

(True copy)
24/7/42

Commissioner. 24/7

Copy of the letter No. / 1399 dated 1st July 1942 of the Chairman Port Trust, Bombay, to the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospe

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Please refer to your letter C.No.771/42-11 dated 26th June 1942 regarding the supply of diesel oil.

I have absolutely nothing to do with the supply of diesel oil., In view, however, of a telegram I received from the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India, I consulted the Burmah-Shell company of Bombay in regard to the possibility of supplying you with Diesel oil. I give below an extract from their reply:-

> The Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, has been in touch with us for some weeks in connection with Diesel oil supplies, and we are doing all we can to despatch supplies, but you will agree that if the Railway cannot provide adequate transport, we are greately handicapped. The supply position is extremely bad at a very large number of other stations.

I regret it is not possible for me to do anything more.

Sd x x
Chairman, Port Trust,
Bombay, & controller of
Fuel oil supplies, Bombay.

(True copy)

Commissioner. 22/7

22/7/42

Yours truly,

Enclosure

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Municipal **DEPARTMENT.**

Received ..... 19 . *Registered* .....

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
4-AUG 1942
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

Subject:

Hospet Municipal Electric supply undertaking- diesel oil supplies.

ENCLOSURES.
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C.No. 771/42-E1

Station Hospet, *Dated the* 29-7-1942.

From (Name) Sri.R.Lakshmipathy,B.A.,

(Designation) Commissioner,Hospet Municipality, Hospet.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department.

Through, MADRAS.

Sir, The Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Hospet.

Ref:- Government Memorandum No.1669-III/42-2. dated 24th July 1942.

With reference to the instructions issued in the above Government Memorandum, I beg to report the steps taken in this Municipality to economise the use of electricity.

(1) The working hours of the Power House are now as follows from 11-6-42 and the District Magistrate Bellary in his proceedings No.2287/42 dated 26-6-42 has approved the same.

(a) Industrial and Agricultural consumers from 3 P.M. to 6 P.M.
(b) Other consumers from 3 P.M. to 11 P.M.
(c) With regards to street lighting about 100 lamps out of 283 originally installed were removed by the 3rd week of March 1942 and arrangements are being made to reduce the wattage of existing lamps also.

P.T.O.

(b) During dark nights the street lights are switched off at 10 P.M. and during moon light nights, the streets lights are not switched at all.

(c) In course of the last four months two domestic services were given. In future they will be refused.

(d) The Cinemas were asked to reduce their load by 10 % and it has been done.

(e) The present capacity of the Power House plant does not permit to supply energy to any industries and such applications are being refused.

PP67-68 (C)

3. With reference to para 2 of the above Government Memorandum I beg to submit the cost of ground nut oil in Hospet area is about three times ~~xxxx~~ the cost of diesel oil and it may also be difficult to get adequate supplies of ground nut oil to meet the needs of the Power House. With heavy demand of ground nut oil, the present price also may increase further. In this connection I beg to state that the Electric concern of Hospet Municipality is already working at a loss and if it is allowed to work with ground nut oil the expenditure may be very high which the Municipal funds may not be able to meet. The Principal of the Guindy College is being addressed regarding the use of ground nut oil.

C.B.29.7.

Commissioner. 30/7

29/7/42

PWR

HS.

Please see Dev. Dept remarks on p 2 ante, and the further reference from the Commr. Hospet Municipality, on pp 13-14 above. This will be filed with Ceo MS 2756 PWR dt 4.8.42, as no action seems called for now [& if necessary, Dev may again see.]

(C)

6/8/42

We call for the marks. The action promised by Dev. should be watched

7.8.42

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If From the Comm. Hospet Rly (no 771/42-51 dt 2.2.42) 29/42

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Please see Dev. note on p 2 cg and further orders on p 14 cg. The Dev. Deptt is taking action in the matter of restriction of diesel oil supply (to electric undertakings and other similar public utility undertakings) On this connection, attention is invited to the enc. from C&RC no 2395 III/42-1 - dated 28.8.42. The papers may, perhaps, be recorded after perusal by Dev.

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Dev

Dev Deptt

PWD memo 1809 III/42-2 15-9-42

May be perused and returned to P.W.D. The Hospet proposals from the Controller of Supplies ~~have not yet been received~~ are being awaited.

16/9/42

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UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT. DEVELOPMENT
15 SEP 1942
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
17 SEP 1942
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PWD

Dept no No 8169 C/42 15-9-42

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MUNICIPAL **DEPARTMENT.**

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Subject.

Electricity - Diesel oil - Supply of difficulties - reported - necessary orders requested.

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C. No. 771/42-El

Station Hospet, *Dated the* 14 - 7 - 1942.

From (Name) Sri.R.Lakshmipathy,B.A.,
(Designation) Commissioner,Hospet Municipality,
HOSPET.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Local Administration Department.
MADRAS.

Through,
The Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Hospet.

Sir,

I beg to bring to the kind notice of the Government the difficulties caused in respect of supply of diesel oil for the Municipal Electrical Power House Hospet and pray for necessary relief.

The Local Agent B.O.C. Hospet has been supplying diesel oil to the Municipal Electrical Power House Hospet for the last four years to meet our normal consumption of about 2000 gallons per month.

Since 1st March 1942, the Local Agent B.O.C. has not been able to supply our minimum requirements. In his letter No.nil dated 29-3-42(copy enclosed) he informed us stating that he has no control over delay caused in the supply of oil and that the question of meeting the requirements of the Hospet Electrical Power must along with those of several other consumers is receiving his earnest attention. Encl (A)

P.T.O.

Forwarded.
17.7.42
Chairman.

On 1-4-42 as we were threatened with a shut-down on account of shortage of diesel oil a telegram was despatched to Burmah Shell Oil Company Belgaum as follows:-

"Burmah Shell Belgaum, Power House - shut down - threatened - despatch - diesel oil -immediately wire reply"

Encl (B) The Burmah Shell Oil Company Belgaum in their letter No.P/9 dated 2-4-42(copy enclosed) informed us in reply to our telegram and letters stating that on account of acute shortage in tank-waggons, factors over which they had no control, supply of diesel oil was delayed and as such they were unable to help us.

Encl - (C) The Burmah Shell Oil Company Bombay in reply to our telegram dated 28-3-42(submitted as an enclosure)informed us in their letter D.C. dated 2-4-42 that they would despatch one tank waggon Encl-(D) by the end of first ~~xx~~ week of April 1942.

As promised by the Company, a tank waggon of 2100 gallons was received by the Local Agent B.O.C., though he was requested to give us more quantity, supplied us only 1200 gallons and distributed the rest to his other customers.

Encl (E) On 17-4-42, a letter explaining the whole situation was addressed to the Secretary P.W.D. Madras(copy enclosed) as advised by the Chief Electrical Inspector in his letter No.29-A-Encl (F) 305 dated 10th April 1942 (copy enclosed) requesting the Government to render their assistance in the matter.

On 29-4-42, the Local Agent, B.O.C. Hospet was informed by us to supply diesel oil as we were running short of stocks for which no reply was received.

Encl (G) On 3-5-42, the Local Agent,B.O.C. informed through his letter No.nil dated 3-5-42 that his oil rates were raised at the rate of 0-4-0 per unit of 8 gallons and also stated that Re.0-1-0 per unit of 8 gallons had to be paid as handling charges. A copy of his letter is herewith submitted.

On accepting his revised rates, the same day, he was pleased to supply the Municipality with 1000 gallons of diesel oil out of his tank waggon received from the Company. He was requested in my letter C.No.771-El-42 dated 5-5-42 to supply some more oil. Encl (H) In reply to our above letter he stated as per his letter dated 13-5-42, that he had no oil in stock(copy of his letter is enclosed

Encl (I) On the advice of the Chief Electrical Inspector in his letter M-29-M.o.s. 364 dated 8-5-42(copy enclosed) the Controller Encl (J) of Supplies Madras was addressed in my letter C.No.771/42-El dated 15-5-42(copy enclosed) explaining the situation and requesting his necessary assistance in the matter.

On 25-5-42, the Local Agent received another tank waggon of diesel oil of 2100 gallons and he supplied us only 800 gallons.

Encl (K) The Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India was informed of the situation in my letter C.No.771/42-El dated 26-5-42 requesting his assistance in the matter(copy enclosed).

Encl (L) The Controller of supplies ~~x~~ Madras in response to my letter C.No.771-El/42 dated 15-5-42 was pleased to advise me in his letter 6637 dated 28-5-42(copy enclosed) to approach the Chairman Encl (M) Port Trust Bombay in the matter who informed in his letter No.W. 1138 dated 11-6-42(copy enclosed) that he had no control over diesel oil.

Meanwhile, we fell short of diesel oil and as the Local Agent B.O.C. informed us that he is unable to help us as he had not received supply from his Company, I sent a telegram to Messrs. B.O.C. Bombay and also B.O.C. Belgaum on 13-6-42 as follows " Power House shut down -threatened -despatch diesel oil -immediately".

The same day detailed letters explaining the situation were addressed to Burmah Shell Oil Company Bombay and copies of the above letters were sent to the Burmah Shell Oil Company Belgaum and the Local Agent.

Encl.(N). The Chief Electrical Inspector to the Government of Madras was also informed in my letter C.No.771/42-E1 dated 13-6-42 about the threatened shut down of the Power House owing to shortage of diesel oil(copy enclosed).

On 15-6-42 on the advice of the Local Agent Burmah Shell oil Company a telegram was despatched to Messrs.Burmah Shell Oil Company Ghospuri informing them as follows" Power House -shut-down threatened - expedite - diesel tank -Municipal Commissioner."

Encl 0 (1) .. 0(2) .. 0(3) .. 0(4) This paralysing situation was brought to the notice of the Controller of Supplies Madras, the District Magistrate Bellary, the Chief Electrical Inspector to the Government of Madras and the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India Calcutta on 16-6-42 through letters(copies enclosed).

We had only two days supply on 16-6-42 and no oil was supplied by the Local Agent, But for a loan of 500 gallons of diesel oil received from the Bellary Municipality on 19-6-42 the Power House should have been shut down. The Burmah Shell Oil Company informed in their letter B/L.F.7.D/O dated 15-6-42 that they are unable to Encl.(P). meet our demands due to acute shortage in stocks. A copy of their letter is submitted as enclosure.

The Chief Electrical Inspector to Government Madras informed in his letter M.159 dated 18-6-42 to approach the Chairman Bombay Port Trust and the Electrical Commissioner with the Government Encl.(Q) of India for assistance by telegram (copy enclosed).

As the Chairman Bombay Port Trust had already informed in his letter M 1138 dated 11-6-42 stating that he had no control on diesel oil, a telegram was sent to the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India on 21-6-42 as follows" Elcina-Power House - shut down - threatened - immediate arrangements supply diesel oil requested -Commissioner".

The Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India in reply to letter C.No.771-42-E1 dated 26-5-42, informed me in his letter 2/1/13(A) dated 15th June 1942 that a copy of my Encl.(R) letter has been forwarded to the Government of Madras on the subject (copy enclosed)

Encl:— S (1) S (2) S (3) S (4) The Secretary to Government of Madras P.W.D., the Controller of supplies Madras, the District Magistrate Bellary and the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government Madras were again informed of the situation in my letters C.No.771/42-E1 dated 23-6-42 (Copies enclosed).

The Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India in his letter dated 22-6-42 informed that the Chairman Port Trust Bombay was informed by him through telegram on 22-6-42 to assist us in the supply of diesel oil and sent me a copy Encl(T) of the same telegram . A copy of the above letter is enclosed.

The Burmah Shell Oil Company Bombay in their letter D.dated 24/26th June 1942, informed me stating that they would despatch one tank-waggon shortly to their Agents to meet our needs(copy Encl (U) enclosed).

The On 23-6-42, through troubles taken by the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India, Calcutta and the Chairman Port Trust Bombay, and also the Burmah Shell Oil Company Bombay, the Local Agent received a tank waggon of 3100 gallons of diesel oil.

The Local Agent, Burmah Shell Oil Company was requested to give us more oil in view of the frequent shortage of oil and the uncertainity of the arrival of tank waggon but he could give us only 1200 gallons on 29-6-42 as he had no instructions from his company that more oil should be given to us. But on explaining to him the urgent necessity of the Power House he was pleased to supply 320 gallons more stating that the rest of the quantity had already been distributed to the other consumers.

I had been to Madras on 29-6-42 to represent personally the difficulties experienced with regards to the supply of diesel oil and met the Assistant to the Chief Electrical Inspector, Deputy Chief Engineer for Electricity, the Secretary to Government, P.W.D., Chief Engineer for Irrigation and the Secretary to Government, Local Administration Department. I could not meet the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government as he was not at head-quarters.

The Deputy Chief Electrical Inspector to Government on hearing all our difficulties with regards to the supply of diesel oil, informed me that the matter was receiving the consideration of the Government and orders may issue within a fortnight or so..

The Secretary to Government P.W.D. directed me to see the Chief Engineer for irrigation, who informed me as a result of experiments so far conducted that ground nut oil could be used as a good substitute by itself for the diesel oil. I again met the Secretary to Government P.W.D. and informed him the result of my interview with the Chief Engineer for irrigation.

I then met the Secretary Local Administration Department on the further advice given by the Secretary to Govt. P.W.D and represented to him all the difficulties. I was directed to send a detailed report in the matter for the consideration of the Government. I am accordingly submitting this report for the consideration of the Government.

From the circumstances explained above, I beg to bring to the notice of the Government that the Local Agent distributes oil according to his own discretion on receipt of tank-waggon from the Company. The Company is also unable to despatch oil to this Agent at Hospet on demand owing to their shortage in stocks and also for the difficulty of securing tank-waggon. On account of the inadequate and irregular supply made by the Local Agent the Power House is threatened with shut-down at each time. In view of the above fact, I beg to request the Government may be pleased to consider the urgency of the situation and give their necessary assistance in the matter by regularising supply of diesel oil to meet atleast the minimum requirements of the Power House.

To get oil from the Company is one difficulty, and even after receipt of the tank-waggon by the Local Agent, to obtain from the latter the minimum requirements of our Power House is a greater difficulty which the Municipality has been experiencing at every stage. Though it can not be denied that the shortage of oil is due to war conditions and also due to the fact that the Railway Company are unable to provide adequate transport, even on what little quantity that arrives at Hospet station there is no proper control and the Municipality is entirely at the mercy of the Local Agent who can not appreciate either the urgency of the situation or importance of the services rendered by the Municipality to the public at large. The Local Agent feels that in as much as he pays for the oil and gets it, he is its owner and that his discretion in the distribution of the same among his customers of whom the Municipality happens

to be one, can not be disputed. Any amount of representation to the Company in this regard has not been fruitful in making better considerations prevail. Of course it is a fact that no agreement exists between the Company and the Municipality and there is nothing to bind the Company by any right of contract. In this connection I beg to point out that the Municipality happens to be one of the essential services, and the amount of inconvenience that might be caused to the public on account of ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the shut down of the Power House cannot be too much exaggerated. I beg to request, therefore, that the Government may be pleased to come to the rescue of the Municipality and control the supply of oil and its proper distribution by the Local Agent. The Municipality has no objection to get the oil direct from the Company if such a course were to be possible. Else the Company at least may be instructed to advise its local agent at Hospet to supply adequate quantity to the Municipality to meet its minimum requirements at least. I further beg to request that the immediate intervention of the Government in the matter is most essential to avert serious consequences which may result on account of the shut down of the Power House.

Kankanwadi 17.7.42
Commissioner.

C.B.14.7.

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Copy of the letter No.111 dated 29-3-42 of the Local Agent,Burmah Shell Oil Company,Hospet, to the Electrical Executive Engineer,Hospet.

Ref.-Your Indent No.16 dated 12-3-42.
Sub:-Lighting - Supply of Diesel oil.

In reply to your letter dated 23-3-42, I regret there is nothing I can do at this end to supply you with fuel oil. The delay in supplies reaching you is due to causes over which I have no control.

You may rest assured that your case together with many others are receiving the most earnest attention.

I am unable to inform you as to when you may receive supply of Diesel oil positively.

M.K.Veeraraswamy
Agent,Burmah -Shell.

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17.7.42

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26/7/42

Copy of the letter Ref.P/9 dated 2nd April 1942 of Messrs.Burmah Shell Company,Belgaum, to the Commissioner,Hospet Municipality, Hospet.

Diesel Oil.

We received your telegram after office hours yesterday, and regret to note that your Power House may be obliged to close down due to want of supplies. We already advised the Electrical Engineer on March 30th that the scarcity of stocks was due to congestion on the Railway and the acute shortage of tank-wagons, factors over which we can exercise no control. We are very sorry for the inconvenience caused, but you will, no doubt, appreciate that there is nothing we can do to relieve the situation.

Since we were not in a position to assist you, we did not think it necessary to reply by wire.

Sd x x
for Burmah-Shell
Oil Storage & Distributing Co.,
of India, Ltd.,

(True copy)

17.7.42
Commissioner.

16/7/42

Copy of the telegram dated 28-3-42 of the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet, to the Messrs. Burmah Shell, Bombay.

Burmah Shell Bombay.

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Diesel oil supply Hospet Municipality not made by Local Agent - expedite - supply can spare barrels if necessary wire reply.

M.R. Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

17.7.42
Commissioner.

16/7/42

Copy of the letter "DC" dated 1st April 1st April 1342 of Messrs. Burmah Shell Company, Bombay, to the Municipal Commissioner, Hospet.

Diesel oil

We are in receipt of your wire of 30th ultimo and in reply have to inform you that our Guntakal Depot has run short of stocks and we have therefore been unable to send any supplies to Hospet ex that depot. We also do not expect to be able to make any more despatches ex our Guntakal Depot for some time to come and are therefore arranging to send some supplies ex Bombay to meet urgent demands. We hope to despatch the first wagon by the end of this week.

Yours x x
For Burmah-Shell
Oil storage & Distributing Co.
of India, Ltd.,

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17.7.42

On
16/7/42

Copy of the letter C.No.771/42-31 dated 17-4-42 of the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet, to the Secretary to Government of Madras Public Works Department, Madras.

Sub:- Lighting - electricity - diesel oil - supply difficulties - reported - relief - under Defence of India Rules - requested.

I beg to state that under the terms of Licence granted to the Municipal council Hospet, it is obligatory on the part of the Licensee to give supply of electrical energy to consumers continuously.

There are three oil engine generating sets installed at this Power House, two of 40 K.V.A. each and one of 18.5 K.V.A. and the monthly consumption of diesel oil is nearly 2000 gallons.

For the last four years, the supply of diesel oil was made by the Local Agent Burmah Shell Hospet to our indents made on him.

In the usual course, when an indent for the supply of diesel oil was placed on the Local Agent on 12-3-42, the supply was delayed by him till 7-4-42. When a tank waggon of 2164 gallons was received by him on 7-4-42, he supplied the Municipal Electrical Power House only 1200 gallons after my personal demand made for the supply of 2000 gallons as per the indent placed on him.

The Local Agent in his letter dated 29-3-42 has informed the Municipal Electrical Engineer that he has no control for the delay caused in supplies. A copy of his letter is submitted as enclosure for favour of reference. Messrs. The Burmah Shell oil Company Belgaum in their letter No.P/9 dated 2nd April 1942 informed me stating that the supplies are delayed due to congestion on the Railway and the acute shortage of tank-waggons. A copy of the Company's letter is submitted. In reply to my telegram and letter dated 23-3-42, Messrs. The Burmah Shell oil Company Bombay replied stating that they would make direct supply from Bombay to meet urgent needs. A copy of the letter received from Messrs. Burmah -shell oil Company Bombay is also submitted.

The Chief Electrical Inspector to Government of Madras was also addressed in this connection and he has advised us to apply to Government for necessary relief under the Defence of India Rules. A copy of the Chief Electrical Inspector letter is also submitted as an enclosure for favour of reference.

In view of the difficulties explained above, I beg to bring to the kind notice of the Government that it may be difficult to give continuous supply of electricity to the Public needs, if preference in the supply of diesel oil is not shown to electric concerns over the private parties. I therefore request that the Government may be pleased to give this municipality necessary relief towards the supply of diesel oil under the Defence of India Rules and thus help it to maintain a continuous supply of electrical energy to the public as per the statutary rules.

Sd. T. Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17.7.42

17/7/42

Copy of the letter M-29-A-305 dated 10th April 1942 of the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government, Trichinopoly, Madras, to the Commissioner, Municipal Council, Hospet.

Sub:- Hospet Municipal Electrical licence-Maintenance of supply -Restriction.

Ref:-Your C.No.771/42-El dated 30-3-42.

With reference to the above, I have the honour to request you to apply to the Secretary to Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Fort St.George, to give you the necessary relief under the Defence of India Rules from maintaining a continuance supply explaining in detail the circumstances under which you are making the request.

x x x
For Chief Electrical Inspector
to Government.

(True copy)

Commissioner.

16/7/42

Copy of the letter No.nil dated 3-5-42 of the Local Agent, Burmah-Shell, Hospet, to the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet.

Ref:- C. No. 771/42-A1.

Sub:- Diesel oil supplies.

In reply to your letter of the 29th April received here on the last ~~xxxxx~~ May afternoon at about 3 P.M. , I wish to inform you that our Diesel oil Tank is expected here ~~xx~~ very shortly.

Effective from 1st May 1942 our rates are as follows:-

Rs. 4-0-3 per unit of 8.I.G. B.S.L.D. oil

Rs. 0-4-0 per " of 8 I.G. M.M.S. Tax.

Rs. 0-1-0 per " of 8 I.G. Handling Charges.

Rs. 4-5-3 per " of 8 I.G.

Therefore I kindly request you to arrange to send me your confirmation letter at your earliest convenience for the above mentioned rates to enable me to supply you with Diesel oil.

Thanking you.

Sd. K.T.Devendraswamy.

(True copy)

Commissioner.

Copy of the letter No.nil dated 13-5-42 of the Local Agent, Burmah-Shell oil, Hospet, to the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet.

Ref:-C. No.771/42-M1

Sub:- Diesel oil-supplies.

In Reply to your letter of the 5th instant I beg to inform you that we have no stock of oil on hand to give you further supplies at present.

Therefore I will arrange to supply with oil as soon as our Diesel oil Tank arrive here next.

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Sd.K.V.Devendrappa

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17.7.42

Copy of the letter No.M.29-Nos.364 dated 8th May 1942 of the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government,Mettur Dam, to the Commissioner, Salem Municipality,Salem.

Sub:- Lighting - Electricity Diesel oil-supply difficulties -reported -relief under Defence of India rules.

Ref:-Your C. No.771/42-A1 dated 17-4-42 to the Secretary to Government,P.W.D.-copy to this office.

With reference to the above, I have the honour to inform you that approval of Government should be sought for restricting the hours of supply.

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For maintaining the supply/oil,you may approach the Controller of Supplies,Madras, for necessary assistance in ensuring a regular supply of oil for the running of your power house.

For Chief Electrical Inspector to Government.

(True copy) 18/5/42

Commissioner

Copy of the letter C. No.771/42-11 dated 15-5-42 of the Commissioner, Municipality, Hospet, to the Controller, of Supplies Madras.

SUB:- Lighting - Electricity - diesel oil - supply difficulties - reported - necessary relief - requested.

I beg to state that under the terms of licence granted to the Municipal Council Hospet, it is obligatory on the part of the Licensee to give supply of electrical energy to consumers continously.

There are three oil engines generating sets at this Power House for supplying electrical energy to the Hospet town and the monthly consumption of diesel oil is nearly 2000 gallons.

For the last four years, the supply of diesel oil was made by the Local Agent, Burman Shell, Hospet to our indents made on him. From the 15th March 1942, and on wards, the Agent is unable to supply oil to our requirements and also as per our indents placed with him. When he receives the tank-waggon he supplies oil to the Municipal Power House, the quantity which he thinks best irrespective of the fact that we render essential services to the public.

Secondly the Local Agent B.O.C. in his letter dated 29-3-42 states that it is beyond his control to make regular supplies of oil. A copy of his letter is herewith enclosed for favour of reference.

The Chief Electrical Inspector to Government of Madras was also addressed in this connection and he has advised us to apply to you for giving necessary assistance. A copy of Chief Electrical Inspector's letter is herewith enclosed.

In the circumstance explained above, it may be difficul to give even the minimum required supply of electricity to the public if preference in the supply of diesel oil is not shown to electric concerns over the private parties. I therefore request you to please give necessary assistance to this Municipality to get supplies of

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diesel oil regularly and also give priority claim to Electric concerns over the private parties with regard to the supply of diesel oil and thus help the concern to maintain suppl. of electrical energy to the Public as per the Statutory Rules.

Sd.R.Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

Commissioner.

16/7/42

Copy of the letter No. [illegible] dated 28-3-42 of the Municipal Council Hospet, to the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India, Calcutta.

Sub : Lighting - Electricity - Diesel oil-supply of.

I beg to state that under the terms of licence, it is obligator on the part of the Licensee viz the Municipal Council Hospet to give supply of electrical energy to consumers continously.

There are three oil engine generating sets at this Power House for supplying electrical energy to the Hospet Town and the monthly consumption of diesel oil is nearly 2000 gallons.

For the last four years the supply of diesel oil was made by the Local Agent Burmah Shell Hospet to our indents made on him.

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Secondly, the local Agent B.O.C. in his letter dated 29-3-42 states that it is beyond his control to make regular supplies of oil . A copy of his letter is herewith enclosed for favour of reference.

In the circumstances xx explained above, it may be difficult to give even the minimum required supply of electricity to public, if preference in the supply of diesel oil is not shown to electric concerns over the private parties. I therefore request you to please help this concern to maintain the supply of electrical energy to the public as per statutary rules by giving your necessary assistance in the matter.

Sd. R. Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

17.7.42

Commissioner.

6/7/42

Copy of the letter No.6637 dated 23-5-42 of the Controller of Supplies, Madras, to the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet.

Sub:- Lighting - Electricity -diesel oil-supply difficulties -reported - necessary relief - requested.

With reference to your letter No.771/42-A1 dated 15th May, I have the honour to inform you that as your requirements of light diesel oil are supplied from Bombay you may address the Chairman, Bombay Port Trust, Bombay, in the matter.

Sd x x
Controller of supplies,
South India, Circle.

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17.7.42

for
16/7/42

Copy of the letter No.T 1133 dated 11th June 1942 of the Chairman, Port Trust, Bombay, to the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet.

With reference to your letter C.No.771-21/42 dated 2nd June 1942 on the subject of supply of diesel oil, I write to say that I do not control Diesel oil.

Yours x x
Chairman, Port Trust, Bombay
and Controller, Fuel Oil
Supplies, Bombay.

Commissioner 17.7.42

(True copy)

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Copy of the letter No.771/42-E1 dated 13-6-42 of the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet, to the Chief Electrical Inspector to the Government, Triplicane, Madras.

Sub:- Electricity - Diesel oil -supply of difficulties-reported.

Ref:-Your letter No.E.29 Mos.364 dated 8th May 1942.

With reference to the instructions given in your above letter, reference was made to the controller of supplies madras explaining the difficulties in getting supply of diesel oil and requesting him to render his assistance in the matter for getting a regular supply.

He in his letter No.6637 dated 28-5-42 advised us to refer the matter to the Chairman Bombay Trust, Bombay as the supplies of diesel oil are made from Bombay ~~once~~ area (letter enclosed).

According to the above letter, a letter was addressed to the Chairman, Bombay Port Trust Bombay on 2-6-42 and no reply is received from him for the same

~~the present stock of diesel oil is about 290 gallons and the Local Agent B.O.C. is not able to state in what time he would receive the supply.~~

The Burmah-shell oil company Bombay in its letter No.B/LF & 7.D/o dated 1st June 1942 addressed to the Controller of supplies South India Circle, Madras and copy forwarded to us, have stated that no controller for diesel has been appointed . A copy of the letter is enclosed.

The present stock of diesel oil is about 290 gallons and the Local Agent B.O.C. is not able to state in what time he would receive the supply.

The Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India has also been addressed in the matter on 26-5-42 and no reply has yet been received from him.

Under these circumstances , the Power House will be threatened with a complete shut down if no supply of oil is not received with in a few days. I have reported the above facts to you for your information and necessary action.

Sd.R.Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

Lakshmipathy 17.7.42
Commissioner.

16/7/42

Copy of the letter No.771/42-E1 dated 16-6-42 of the Municipal Commissioner,Hospet,to the Ex Controller of supplies South India Circle,United India life buildings,Madras.

Sub:- Lighting -Electricity - diesel oil - supply difficulties - reported - necessary relief- requested.

Ref:- Your letter 6637 dated 28-5-42.

In accordance with the instructions issued in your above referred letter, the Chairman,Bombay Port Trust was addressed requesting him to give us assistance for the regular and adequate supply of diesel oil to run the Municipal Electrical Power House.

The Chairman,Port Trust Bombay in his letter 1138 dated 11th June 1942 has stated that he has no control over the diesel oil supply. A copy of his letter is enclosed for your perusal.

The present stock of our diesel oil Has fallen short and with the existing supply we can only run the Power House only for a few days more by restricting the supply to about eight hours a day.

I request you to please take into consideration the urgency of the situation and render your early assistance in the matter to enable us to get an immediate and regular supply.

Sd.R.Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17.7.42

Copy of the letter C.No.771/42-E1 dated 16-6-42 of the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet, to the District Magistrate, Bellary.

Sub:- Lighting - Electricity - diesel oil-supply - difficulties - reported-necessary relief-requested.

In continuation of my reference C.No.771/42-E1 dated 15-6-42, I beg to submit that the present stock of diesel oil in our Power House is about 175 gallons and with this stock we may be able to run the Power House for about a week more at the rate of eight hours per day.

The Local Agent B.O.C. has not received any oil from the company to give us supply and he is not able to ensure us when he will be able to supply ~~and he is not able to ensure us when~~ the oil.

On the advice of the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government in his letter No.[illegible]-Pol.36[illegible] dated 5th May 1942,(copy enclosed), Controller of Supplies Madras was addressed in this office letter C.No.771/42-E1 dated 15-5-42 to give us necessary assistance in the matter.

The Controller of Supplies South India Circle, Madras in response to my above letter advised me in his letter No.5[illegible]7 dated 23-5-42 (Copy enclosed) to approach the Chairman, Bombay Port Trust for necessary assistance.

The Chairman, Bombay Port Trust was also addressed in my reference C.No.771/42-E1 dated 2-6-42. In reply he states in his letter No.1138 dated 11-6-42(copy enclosed) that he has no control on diesel oil.

The above information is again reported to the controller of Supplies South India Circle, Madras for further advice and assistance.

In this connection I beg to submit that unless some supply is received immediately, within a few days, a complete shut down of the Power House will happen causing great inconvenience to the public. I therefore request you that you may be pleased to render the necessary assistance in the matter to avert the threatened shut down.

M.L.Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

Lakshmipathy 17.7.42
dt 16/7/42 Commissioner

[illegible] dated 15th June 1942 of the Burmah-Shell Company, Bombay, to the Commissioner, Bijapur Municipality.

Re:- Diesel Oil.

With reference to your telegram of the 15th instant, as a result of the war the distribution of diesel oil is being carried on in circumstances of the greatest difficulty. There has been a serious shortage of supplies and this shortage is likely to continue. We and our agents are doing our best to maintain supplies but we can give no indication as to how far we are likely to be successful.

If the Power house is closed down then we realise that grave inconvenience will be caused, but we feel that this inconvenience will be endured, at any rate with resignation, when it is realised that the shortage of diesel oil is caused by the war effort.

Yours x x
For Burmah-Shell
Oil Storage & Distributing Co.of India.Ltd.

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17.7.42

16/7/42

Copy of the letter No.159 dated 13th June 1942 of the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government, Public Works, to the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet.

Sub:- Electricity - Diesel oil - supply of.

Ref:-Commissioner's letter C. No.771/42-A1 dated 13-6-1942.

With reference to the above, I have the honour to invite your attention to Government's Memo.No.1254 A/42-2 dated 11-6-42 advising you to apply to the District Magistrate for necessary permission for restricting supply in your area. Under the circumstances explained in your letter, it is desirable that the existing stock of oil should be made to last as long as possible to meet the most essential requirements.

Meanwhile, the Chairman, Bombay Port Trust and the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India should be reminded by them. The Secretary, to the Government of Madras, ..., may also be informed of the situation.

Sd/- P. Jhari,
Chief Electrical Inspector
to Government.

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17.7.42

From the letter No.M.C.2/1/13(A) dated 15th June 1942 of the Chief Commissioner with the Government of India, Calcutta, to the Xxxx Commissioner, Hospet Municipality, Hospet.

Sub:- Supply of Light Diesel oil.

I acknowledge receipt of your letter No.C.771/42-A1 dated the 26th ultimo, regarding your difficulties in getting proper supply of oil deliveries.

2. I have written to the Government of Madras on the subject of oil supplies to Electricity supply undertakings in the province and I am forwarding to them a copy of your letter for necessary action.

3. I would suggest that you should keep in touch with the Madras Government and the Controller of supplies, Madras, who is the Chairman of the Fuel oil Advisory committee. If any difficulties are experienced in the supply of wagons for the transport of oil, you should approach the Provincial Transport Board, Madras, for necessary assistance.

Sd x x
Director of Power Expansion.

(True copy)

Commissioner.

16/7/42

of the letter No.771/42-1 dated 23-6-42 of the Municipal [illegible],Hospet,to the Secretary to Government of [illegible], Public Works Department, Bangalore Through the Chairman,Municipal Council,Hospet.

Sub:- Electricity - Diesel oil-supply of-difficulties - reported.

I beg to bring to the kind notice of the Government the difficulties caused in respect of supply of diesel oil and pray for necessary relief.

The Municipal Electrical Power House Hospet is now short of diesel oil and we are now running the Power house only 3 P.M. to 11 P.M. each day with 500 gallons diesel oil borrowed from the Municipal Power House Bellary.

The Local agent the B.O.C. whom is the supplier for last four years has not been able to state as to when he would be able to supply oil as no information is received from his company.

With the present stock of oil which is taken on loan from Bellary Municipality the Power House could be run for a few more days and a shut down is threatened afterwards.

We therefore beg to request that the Government may be pleased to immediately arrange for the regular supply of diesel oil and avert the threatened shut down.

In this connection, I beg to bring to the kind information of the Government that situation has also been reported to the District Magistrate,Bellary as instructed in Government Memorandum No.1254 S/42-2 dated 11th June 1942.

Sd.R.Lokanadhaty
Commissioner.

(True copy)

Ref. to the letter C.No.771/42-A dated 21-6-42 of the Municipal Commissioner, Hospet, to the Controller of Supplies, Madras.

Sub:- Lighting - Electricity-supply of light diesel oil-difficulties-reported.

In continuation of my report C.No.771/42-A dated 16-6-42, I beg to report the further difficulties caused regarding the supply of diesel oil and request you to please give your early assistance in the matter to avert a threatened shut down of the Power House.

The Local Agent M.O.C.Hospet has not supplied till this date any oil and he is not able to state when he would receive supply from the company.

The Power House is now being run from 8 P.M. to 11 P.M. on the oil of 500 gallons taken as a loan from the Bellary Municipality, and with this stock the Power House could be run for a few days more and a complete shut down of the Power House is threatened after-wards.

The Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India in his letter No.31/C2/1/3(A) dated 15th June 1942 has advised us to approach you for assistance as you are the chairman fuel oil advisory Committee. A copy of his letter is herewith enclosed for your kind perusal.

In view of the circumstances explained above, I request you to consider the critical situation of our Power House and render your earliest assistance in the matter to avert the shut down of the Power House.

Sd.R.Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

Commissioner.

16/7/42

Copy of the letter No.771/42-A1 dated 23-6-42 of the Municipal Commissioner, Hospet, to the District Magistrate, Bellary.

Sub:- Lighting - Electricity - diesel oil-supply of- oil difficulties -reported -necessary relief - requested.

In continuation of my report C.No.771/42-A1 dated 19-6-42, I beg to report the further action taken regarding the supply of diesel for your information and necessary assistance.

The Local Agent B.O. . has not received the supply of oil from the Company till this date, which he expected within the 1st week of June 1942. He states that no information is being received from the company as to when the tank wagon would arrive.

The existing stock of oil, which is taken as loan from the Bellary Municipality will be over within about 10 or 12 days and a complete shut down of the power house is threatened after- ward.

Viewing this worse situation a notice has been served to the consumers on 19-6-42 , informing them that supply of electrical energy may be discontinued from any date on which we fall short of diesel oil and requesting them to make their own arrangements in the absence of supply of electrical energy(copy enclosed).

The Electrical Inspector to Government in his letter A.159 dated 18th June 1942 (copy enclosed) has advised to apply to you for restricting supply of electrical energy and has also advised us to use only the essential requirements with the existing stock of oil.

The present hours of supply are from 3 P.M. to 11 P.M. and permission for running the Power House in the above manner has been applied to you in my reference C.No.771/42-A1 dated 14-6-42.

As advised in para 2 of the Electrical Inspector's letter referred above, the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India Calcutta, has been informed by telegram about the threat- ened shut down of power house on 22-6-42 and the Chairman Port Trust Bombay has not been ~~addressed~~ requested in his letter 113, dated 11th June 1942 that he has no control on diesel oil.

The Electrical Commissioner in his letter El. 82/1/3(A) dated 15th June 1942 (copy enclosed) has advised to approach the Madras Government and the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Controller of Supplies Madras in the matter for assistance. According to his advice, the Controller of supplies and the Secretary to Government (Ind.) Madras have been addressed to-day, requesting them to render their early assistance regarding regular supply of diesel oil.

In view of the circumstances explained above, I beg to request the District Magistrate Bellary to render all possible assistance to avert the shut down of the Power House, which is found inevitable under the existing circumstances.

Sd. S.Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

Commissioner. 17.7.42

Copy of the letter No.771/42-A1 dated 23-6-42 of the Municipal Commissioner, Hospet, to the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government, Madras.

Sub:- Lighting - Electricity -diesel oil-supply of difficulties -reported.

Ref:-Your letter No.H.159 dated 13th June 1942.

With reference to your above letter I beg to submit that the District Magistrate Bellary has been addressed to accord permission and also advice us regarding the restriction of supply of electrical energy.

As advised in para 2 of your letter, the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India, Calcutta has been informed of the situation regarding the supply of diesel oil by telegram. As the Chairman Port Trust Bombay in his letter No. 1138 dated 11th June 1942 (copy of the same forwarded to you along with my reference No.No. 771/42 dated 16-6-42) has stated that he has no control over diesel oil, no further correspondence is made with him.

The Secretary to Government, P.W.D. was also addressed requesting him to ~~xix~~ give the necessary relief.

The Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India in his letter No. El.C.2/1/3(A) dated 15th June 1942, copy enclosed has advised to approach the Madras Government and the Controller of supplies Madras for assistance. Letters ~~xxxxxxxx~~ requesting the supply of diesel oil have been addressed to them as advised by the Electrical Commissioner.

The above facts are reported to you for your information and necessary advice.

Sd. A. Lakshmipathy
Commissioner.

(True copy)

A. Lakshmipathy 17.7.42
Commissioner.

Copy of the letter No.nil dated 22nd June 1942, of the Electrical [illegible] to the Government of India, Calcutta, to the Commissioner [illegible], Bombay.

Post copy in connection to

The Chairman, Bombay Port Trust,
Bombay.

With the request that urgent action should please be taken regarding supply of fuel oil to the Commissioner, Hospet Municipality by Burmah-Shell, Bombay.

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Electrical [illegible],

E.E.2/1/13-A. [illegible] 2133 DATED [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]